

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An ingredient for application to a food item prepared in a microwave oven, the ingredient comprising:

a mixture comprising

a gelatinous base; and

~~one or more additives mixed with said gelatinous base to form a mixture, in which, said mixture releases steam together with said one or more additive onto the food item when said mixture is heated in the microwave oven.,~~

wherein said mixture is suitable for releasing steam together with said one or more additives  
onto the food item when said mixture is heated in the microwave oven.

2. (Currently Amended) The ingredient of claim 1, said gelatinous base is suitable for melting into a liquid when heated in the microwave oven.

3. (Original) The ingredient of claim 1, said gelatinous base including an agar.

4. (Original) The ingredient of claim 5, said agar comprising an agar gum.

5. (Original) The ingredient of claim 1, said gelatinous base including a corn syrup solid.

6. (Original) The ingredient of claim 1, said gelatinous base including an agar and a corn syrup solid.

7. (Original) The ingredient of claim 1, said one or more additives including a mono- or di-glyceride.

8. (Original) The ingredient of claim 1, said one or more additives including a cellulose powder.

9. (Original) The ingredient of claim 1, said one or more additives including a caramel color.

10. (Original) The ingredient of claim 1, said one or more additives including a soybean oil.

11. (Original) The ingredient of claim 1, said one or more additives including a flavoring for the food item.

12. (Original) The ingredient of claim 11, said flavoring comprising a charcoal flavoring.

13. (Original) The ingredient of claim 11, said flavoring comprising a beef flavoring.

14. (Original) The ingredient of claim 11, said flavoring comprising a barbeque flavoring.

15. (Original) The ingredient of claim 11, said flavoring comprising a lemon flavoring.

16. (Original) The ingredient of claim 1, said gelatinous base including an agar and a corn syrup solid, said one or more additives including: a grill flavor;  
a mono- or di-glyceride;  
a cellulose powder;  
a caramel color;  
a soybean oil;  
a char flavor; and  
a beef flavor.

17. (Original) The ingredient of claim 16 having: about 24.1% of said agar;  
about 34.7% of said corn syrup solid; about 13.5% of said grill flavor;  
about 9.6% of said mono- or di-glyceride; about 4.8% of said cellulose powder; about 4.8% of said caramel color;

about 3.9% of said soybean oil;  
about 3.9% of said char flavor; and  
about 0.7% of said beef flavor,  
the percentages being based on a total weight of the ingredient.

18. (Currently Amended) A ~~grilled~~-food product and ingredient combination for preparation in a microwave oven, comprising:

a food item; and

~~an element with one or more apertures; and~~

a gelatinous ingredient, ~~to be applied to the food item,~~

~~in which the food item and the gelatinous ingredient are placed on opposite sides of the element and~~ said gelatinous ingredient comprises:

a gelatinous base, and

one or more additives,

wherein said gelatinous ingredient is suitable for releasing steam together with said one or more additives onto the food item when said gelatinous ingredient is heated in the microwave oven.

19 (Original) The combination of claim 18, said gelatinous base and said one or more additives being mixed together to form the gelatinous ingredient.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The combination of claim 18, said gelatinous base including an agar.

22. (Original) The combination of claim 21, said agar comprising an agar gum.

23. (Original) The combination of claim 18, said gelatinous base including a corn syrup solid.

24. (Original) The combination of claim 18, said gelatinous base including both an

agar and a corn syrup solid.

25. (Original) The combination of claim 18, said one or more additives including a mono- or di-glyceride.

26. (Original) The combination of claim 18, said one or more additives including a cellulose powder.

27. (Original) The combination of claim 18, said one or more additives including a caramel color.

28. (Original) The combination of claim 18, said one or more additives including a soybean oil.

29. (Original) The combination of claim 18, said one or more additives including a flavoring for the food item.

30. (Original) The combination of claim 29, said flavoring comprising a charcoal flavoring.

31. (Original) The combination of claim 29, said flavoring comprising a beef flavoring.

32. (Original) The combination of claim 29, said flavoring comprising a barbeque flavoring.

33. (Original) The combination of claim 29, said flavoring comprising a lemon flavoring.

34. (Original) The combination of claim 18, said gelatinous base including an agar and a corn syrup solid, and said one or more additives including:

a grill flavor;  
a mono- or di-glyceride;  
a cellulose powder;  
a caramel color;  
a soybean oil;  
a char flavor; and  
a beef flavor.

35. (Original) The combination of claim 34, said ingredient including: about 24.1% of said agar;  
about 34.7% of said corn syrup solid;  
about 13.5% of said grill flavor;  
about 9.6% of said mono- or di-glyceride;  
about 4.8% of said cellulose powder;  
about 4.8% of said caramel color;  
about 3.9% of said soybean oil;  
about 3.9% of said char flavor; and  
about 0.7% of said beef flavor,  
the percentages being based on a total weight of the ingredient. 36 - 55. (Cancelled)

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